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Sir,

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (under 34 CFR 1.121) dated October 3rd, 2003, please note:

- a) In the section "In the Specification", below is the markup of the amended paragraph 14 with additions underlined, thus bringing the paragraph into compliance with 37 CFR 1.121:

[14]. None of the above mentioned references disclose or claim a body piercing pin assembly comprising an attachment section, a body piercing section and a head section, the head section having attachment for a decorative section and a body piercing section and being adapted to receive a plurality of decorative sections having mounts attached. None of the references refers to the pain, discomfort and infection risk that can occur with body piercings that are larger than an earring, as none of the references are intended to be used with larger piercings. None of the references disclose a method of securely replacing decorative sections without running the risk of loss or damage to the attachment or decorative sections.

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b) In the section "In the Specification", below is the markup of the added paragraphs 14.2, 14.4, and 14.6 with additions, which are the entire paragraphs, not underlined, thus bringing the new paragraphs into compliance with 37 CFR 1.121:

[14.2] All of the references cited are directed towards earrings, none of the references are directed towards other larger piercings of the body, and the unique issues involved with larger body openings. One such issue is due to the movement of the body piercing section while in a body opening. As stated in *USENET Internet News Group rec.arts.bodyart: Piercing FAQ 2D—Body Piercings & Their Suggested Jewelry* (Modified March 4, 1996 by Anne Greenblat):
ftp://rtfm.mit.edu/pub/usenet-by-hierarchy/rec/arts/bodyart/rec.arts.bodyart%3A_Piercing_FAQ_2D--Body_Piercings_&_Their_Suggested_Jewelry

[14.4]. "§2D.1a 'The Navel Piercing - A Better Alternative' by Karen Hurt @ Future Primitives, karen@fprimitive.com *We have all seen irritated and inflamed navel piercings; many develop discolored and hardened tissue around the openings. Some migrate and/or 'grow out.' This happens because the jewelry is too small and needs to move through the tissue to a position where it is no longer under stress. Removing the ring and replacing it with a curved barbell has always solved these problems, usually within days. A curved barbell allows the body to move naturally without stress to the piercing and will not cause any of the undesirable effects associated with the use of a ring.*"

[14.6]. The current invention features a body piercing section that is curved in the classic "barbell" shape.

- c) In the section "In the Claims", attached is a full claim listing of the claims, as required by 37 CFR 1.121, thus bringing the claims into compliance.
- d) Please note, the claim 24 listed in the full claim listing as "previously presented", was presented via preliminary amendment, dated August 21, 2001. This claim was inadvertently left off the "clean application" presented via the last amendment, dated August 15th, 2003.

Applicant believes he has addressed all elements of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121), dated 10/03/2003, although Applicant cannot find any evidence of element "D" of the Notice is correct. The claims amendments were in ascending numerical order, specifically, claim 6's amendment and new claim 32.

Applicant is not resubmitting the entire reply from August 15th, only the full claim listing and the new paragraphs of the amendment, as required by the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Applicant feels the requirements have been satisfied for revised amendment practice that became affective July 30th, 2003, and thus requests quick consideration of Applicants arguments in the OA Reply for allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully Submitted,



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-----Full listing of claims 1 - 32 follows-----

1. (previously presented) A body decoration system for the application of decorative

elements which comprises:

a body piercing section, said body piercing section having

a primary end,

a secondary end, and

a diameter;

a fastening section, said fastening section having

a diameter,

said diameter of said fastening section being greater than said diameter of

said body piercing section,

a primary attachment,

said primary attachment of said fastening section being detachably related in

mating engagement with said primary end of said body piercing section;

a head section, said head section having

a secondary attachment,

said secondary attachment of said head section being attached to said

secondary end of said body piercing section,

a primary attachment,

said primary attachment of said head section providing a detachable

mating engagement; and

a decorative section, said decorative section having

a primary attachment,

said primary attachment of said decorative section being detachably related

in mating engagement to said primary attachment of said head section,

a decorative element,

said decorative element being affixed to said primary attachment of said

decorative section;

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whereby said decorative section may be removed and replaced with a different decorative section without removing said head section or said fastening section from said body piercing section.

2. (previously presented) The body decoration system according to Claim 1 wherein

said decorative section includes an axis of rotational symmetry,

said primary attachment of said decorative section being disposed along said axis of said decorative section,

said head section includes an axis of rotational symmetry,

said primary attachment of said head section being disposed along said axis of said head section;

said axis of said head section lying along a central axis of rotational symmetry and said axis of said decorative section also lying along said central axis of rotational symmetry;

said head section having a flattened area being defined by a plane which is normal to said central axis of rotational symmetry,

said flattened area having

an external diameter,

a portion forming a central hollow area,

said hollow portion having an internal diameter,

said hollow portion having a base point disposed along said axis of said head section,

said external diameter being somewhat larger than said internal diameter,

a substantially circular shaped stop area, said stop area being created between said internal diameter and said external diameter;

said primary attachment of said head section being positioned at said base point of said hollow portion in said head section;

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said decorative section includes a ring-shaped fastening section attached to said decorative element;

said ring shaped fastening section being substantially centered about said central axis of rotational symmetry;

said ring shaped fastening section being in contact with said circular shaped stop area when said primary attachment of said decorative section is engaged with said primary attachment of said head section;

whereby said decorative section is strengthened and supported by said head section when said decorative section is mated with said head section.

3. (previously presented) The body decoration system according to Claim 2 wherein

said primary attachment of said head section includes a friction element,

said friction element of said head section being frictionally related in mating engagement with said primary attachment of said decorative section.

4. (previously presented) The body decoration system according to Claim 3 wherein

said primary attachment of said decorative section includes a pin, and

said friction element of said head section includes a material selected from the group consisting of rubber and foam rubber.

5. (previously canceled)

6. (currently amended) The body decoration system according to Claim 2 wherein

said detachable mating engagement of said decorative section includes

a section with gradually increasing diameter, and

said detachable mating engagement of said head section includes

a spring element,

~~said section with~~ said section with gradually increasing diameter of said detachable mating engagement of said decorative section being related in releasable locking engagement with said spring element of said detachable mating engagement of said head section.

7. (previously presented) The body decoration system according to Claim 2 wherein

said primary attachment of said decorative section has a first diameter,

and said decorative element of said decorative section has a second diameter,

said first diameter of said primary attachment of said decorative section and said second diameter of said decorative element of said decorative section being related by a ratio, wherein

said ratio is a ratio selected from the group consisting of 1, 1:2, 1:3, 1:5 and 1:7.

8. (previously presented) The body decoration system according to Claim 2 wherein:

said central hollow area of said head section is essentially conical-joint-shaped,

said decorative section is essentially conical-joint-shaped,

said conically-joint-shaped decorative section including a tip, and

said primary attachment of said decorative section being attached at said tip of said conically shaped decorative section,

said tip of said conically joint shaped decorative section being detachably related in mating engagement with said primary attachment of said head section.

9. (previously presented) The body decoration system according to Claim 2 wherein

said decorative section includes a mounting,

said mounting having

a decorative element attachment point, and

a primary attachment point,

said decorative element being permanently attached at said decorative
element attachment point, and

said primary attachment of said head section being attached at said primary
attachment point of said decorative section mounting.

EB 10. (previously presented) The body decoration system according to Claim 2 wherein

said body piercing section comprises a rod,

said rod having a circular cross-section.

11. (previously presented) The body decoration system according to Claim 10 wherein said
rod is curved.

12. (previously presented) The body decoration system according to Claim 10 wherein said
rod is straight.

13. (previously presented) The body decoration system according to Claim 2 wherein

said primary end of said body piercing section includes an external threading, and

said primary attachment of said fastening section includes an internal threading,

said primary end of said body piercing section being removably threadedly related in mating engagement with said primary attachment of said fastening section.

14. (previously presented) The body decoration system according to Claim 1 wherein said fastening section is essentially spherical shaped.

15. (previously presented) The body decoration system according to Claim 1 wherein said body piercing section is a piercing pin.

16. (previously amended) The body decoration system according to Claim 1 wherein said secondary end of said body piercing section includes an external threading; said secondary attachment of said head section includes an internal threading; said primary end of said body piercing section includes an external threading; said primary attachment of said fastening section includes an internal threading; said external threading of said secondary end of said body piercing section being related in detachable mating engagement to said internal threading of said secondary attachment of said head section, and

said external threading of said primary end of said body piercing section being related in detachable mating engagement to said internal threading of said primary attachment of said fastening section.

17. (previously amended) The body decoration system according to Claim 16 wherein

said external threading of said secondary end of said body piercing section,
said external threading of said primary end of said body piercing section,
said secondary internal threading of said head section, and

said internal threading of said primary attachment of said fastening section

are threaded with identical threads.

18. (previously canceled)

19. (previously amended) The body decoration system of Claim 1, wherein

said primary end of said body piercing section has a first axis,
said secondary end of said body piercing section has a second axis,
said first axis forming an angle with said second axis, wherein

said angle is less than 180 degrees.

20. (previously amended) A body decoration system for the application of decorative elements which comprises:

a body piercing section, said body piercing section comprising:

a primary end having an external thread;
a secondary end having an external thread;
said body piercing section having a diameter and a circular cross section;
said body piercing section being curved;

said primary end of said body piercing section having an axis;

said secondary end of said body piercing section having an axis;

said axis of said secondary end of said body piercing section forming an angle with said axis said primary end of said body piercing section, due to said curvature of said body piercing section;

said angle formed between said primary and secondary ends of said body piercing section is less than 180 degrees;

a fastening section comprising:

a diameter,

said diameter of said fastening section being greater than said diameter of said body piercing section;

said fastening section providing a primary, threaded attachment,

said primary threaded attachment of said fastening section being threadedly related in detachable mating engagement with said primary end of said body piercing section;

a head section comprising:

an outside diameter;

a portion forming a hollow area,

said hollow area of said head section having an inside diameter,

said inside diameter of said hollow area being essentially 20 %

smaller than said diameter of said head section,

said hollow area of said head section having an internal thread;

said internal threading of said hollow area of said head section providing

a primary attachment,

said primary attachment of said hollow area of said head section

providing a detachable mating engagement;

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a secondary attachment, said secondary attachment of said head section
being attached to said secondary end of said body piercing section;
and a decorative section comprising:
a decorative element;
an essentially cylindrical mounting for said decorative element;
said mounting having
an outside diameter,
a top,
a bottom,
and outside surface,
a decorative element attachment being attached to said top of said
mounting;
said decorative element being permanently attached to said mounting at said
decorative element attachment,
said mounting having an external threading attached to said outside surface;
said diameter of said hollow area of said head section being essentially 20 %
less than said diameter of said decorative element section;
said external threading of said mounting providing a primary mating
attachment;
said primary mating attachment of said mounting of said decorative
section being removably threadedly related in mating engagement with said
primary attachment of said head section.

21. (previously presented) A method of creating a body decoration system, comprising the
steps of:

providing a body piercing section,
said body piercing section providing

a primary end,

a secondary end, and

a diameter;

providing a fastening section,

said fastening section providing a diameter,

said diameter of said fastening section being greater than said diameter
of said body piercing section,

said fastening section further providing a primary attachment,

said primary attachment of said fastening section being detachably
related in mating engagement with said primary end of said body piercing
section;

providing a head section,

said head section providing a secondary attachment,

said secondary attachment of said head section being attached to said
secondary end of said body piercing section,

said head section further providing

a primary attachment

said primary attachment of said head section providing a
detachable mating engagement;

providing a decorative section,

said decorative section providing a primary mating attachment,

said primary mating attachment of said decorative section being
detachably related in mating engagement to said primary attachment of said
head section;

attaching said secondary attachment of said head section to said secondary
attachment of said body piercing section;

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attaching said primary attachment of said fastening section to said primary attachment of said body piercing section;

attaching said primary attachment of said decorative section to said primary attachment of said head section.

22. (previously presented) A method of attaching the body decoration system of Claim 20 to a body of a wearer, comprising the steps of:

choosing said body decoration system that has a removable decorative section which exemplifies the decorative intent of said wearer;

locating a body piercing on said body,

said body piercing having,

an entry opening,

an exit opening, and

a channel connecting said entry opening and said exit opening;

detaching said primary attachment of said fastening section from said primary attachment of said body piercing section;

inserting said primary end of said body piercing section into said entry opening of said body piercing;

maneuvering said primary end of said body piercing section through said channel of said body piercing until said primary end of said body piercing section exits said channel of said body piercing via said exit opening;

reattaching said primary attachment of said body piercing section to said primary attachment of said fastening section.

23. (previously presented) A method of replacing the decorative section of the attached body decoration system of Claim 20, comprising the steps of:

detaching said primary attachment of said decorative section from said primary attachment of said head section;

removing said decorative assembly from said head section;

selecting a new decorative assembly;

attaching said primary attachment of said new decorative assembly to said primary attachment of said head assembly.

24. (previously presented) The body decoration system according to Claim 8 wherein said primary end of said body piercing section includes an external threading, and said primary attachment of said fastening section includes an internal threading, said primary end of said body piercing section being removably threadedly related in mating engagement with said primary attachment of said fastening section.

25.-26. (previously canceled)

27. (previously presented) The body decoration system of claim 19, wherein:

said angle formed between said first axis and said second axis is between 90 degrees and 180 degrees.

28. (previously presented) The body decoration system of claim 20, wherein:

said angle formed between said primary and secondary ends of said body piercing section is between 90 and 180 degrees.

29. (previously presented) A body decoration system for the application of decorative elements which comprises:

a body piercing section,

said body piercing section having a primary end,
a secondary end, and
a diameter;

a fastening section,

said fastening section having a diameter,

said diameter of said fastening section being greater than
said diameter of said body piercing section,
a primary attachment,

said primary attachment of said fastening section
being detachably related in mating engagement
with said primary end of said body piercing
section;

a head section,

said head section having a secondary attachment,

said secondary attachment of said head section being
attached to said secondary end of said body piercing
section,

said secondary attachment of said head section having a
first axis,

a primary attachment,

said primary attachment of said head section providing a
detachable mating engagement;

said primary attachment of said head section having an
second axis,

said first axis forming an angle with said second axis,

said angle between said first axis and said second axis
being between 90 degrees and 135 degrees;

and a decorative section,

said decorative section having

a primary attachment,

said primary attachment of said decorative section

being detachably related in mating engagement to

said primary attachment of said head section,

a decorative element,

said decorative element being affixed to said

primary attachment of said decorative section;

whereby said decorative section may be removed and replaced with a
different decorative section without removing said head section or said
fastening section from said body piercing section.

30. (previously presented) A body decoration system for the application of
decorative elements which comprises:

a body piercing section,

said body piercing section having a primary end,

a secondary end, and

a diameter;

a fastening section,

said fastening section having a diameter,

said diameter of said fastening section being greater than

said diameter of said body piercing section,

a primary attachment,

said primary attachment of said fastening section

being detachably related in mating engagement

with said primary end of said body piercing

section;

a head section,

said head section having a secondary attachment,

said secondary attachment of said head section being

attached to said secondary end of said body piercing

section,

said secondary attachment of said head section having a

first axis,

a primary attachment,

said primary attachment of said head section providing a

detachable mating engagement;

said primary attachment of said head section having an

second axis,

said first axis forming an angle with said second axis,

said angle between said first axis and said second axis

being less than 180 degrees;

and a decorative section,

said decorative section having

a primary attachment,

said primary attachment of said decorative section
being detachably related in mating engagement to
said primary attachment of said head section,
a decorative element,
said decorative element being affixed to said
primary attachment of said decorative section;
whereby said decorative section may be removed and replaced with a
different decorative section without removing said head section or said
fastening section from said body piercing section.

31. (previously presented) The body decoration system of claim 30, wherein:

said angle between said first axis and said second axis being between
90 degrees and 180 degrees.

32. (new) The body decoration system for the application of decorative elements of
claim 29 wherein:

said body piercing section further comprises

a chord between said primary end and said secondary end,

said chord between said primary end and said secondary end of

said body piercing section having a length

said length of said chord being greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

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